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IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT
O'TOOLE

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2004

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a man whose professional life has been dedicated to improving the lives of working men and women in Massachusetts and across our nation.

Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to inform the Membership of the house that my dear friend, Bob O'Toole is retiring from the post of Business Manager-Financial Secretary Treasurer of the Pipefitter's Local Union 537 in Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, Bob O'Toole is a remarkable leader with a long and illustrious career in the American Labor Movement. Bob started his career as a pipefitter over 37 years ago and his shining example of dedicated service to his union, his community and his family is worthy of Congressional recognition and deserving of the appreciation of his nation. He will be sorely missed by his union membership and their families who have benefited from Bob's ability to lead by example and quiet dignity. Bob's personal integrity, hard work and determination illustrate the best characteristics of those who serve the working men and women of this country.

As a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature and Chair of its Commerce and Labor Committee, I witnessed Bob's tireless advocacy on behalf of working families. From securing benefits for workers who had lost their jobs, to training the next generation of America's workers, Bob has worked to ensure that the views and interests of working people are at the forefront of our state and national policy.

Mr. Speaker, Bob O'Toole has also been a man committed to his community and has dedicated many hours and much energy to various charities including Julie's Place, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Family Inn, the St. Francis House for the Homeless, the Special Olympics and the American Red Cross.

And most importantly, Bob has had the enormous pleasure and tremendous good fortune to be married to his wife Marie for over 40 years. Additionally, Bob has been blessed with three children, Terri, Bobby and Kathy, and is the proud and from what I hear doting grandfather to Timothy, Holly, Michael and Kyle.

Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take the floor of the House today to join with Bob's family, friends, and brothers and sisters in the Labor Movement to thank him for his service and congratulate him on his much-deserved retirement. I hope my colleagues will join me

in celebrating Bob O'Toole's distinguished career and all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM DeMINT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during roll call votes 126, 127, 128, 129, and 130. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 126, 127, and 130. I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 128 and 129.

HONORING SCHURZ HIGH SCHOOL

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Schurz High School of Chicago for its achievement on winning the fourth place title in the citywide Academic Decathlon and the fifth place position at the Illinois Academic Decathlon competition on March 13, 2004.

The Academic Decathlon is a team competition wherein students are tested through a diverse group of scholastic categories, including art, economics, essay interview, language and literature, mathematics, music science, social science and speech.

With up to nine members from each team competing in all 10 events of the decathlon and representing a diversity of scholastic aptitude, the true spirit of this year's "America: The Growth of a Nation" theme has been advanced.

The decathlon, which was first created by Dr. Robert Peterson, has helped maximize the learning potential of young minds through competitive challenge. Schurz High School has shown its ability to shine among the best and brightest of Chicago's academic community.

As finalists in the citywide Academic Decathlon, the nine students from Schurz High School went on to compete in the Illinois Academic Decathlon. I commend each of its competitors: Gloria Andujar-Garcia, Dalia Galvan, Laura Neamt, Yazmin Pulido, Arthur Lon, Ana Ponce, Edith Vazquez, Valerie Giraldez and Stephanie Losik.

Reaching this level of competition is a tremendous achievement and one that deserves special recognition. Indeed, Schurz students set the standard for scholastic excellence that the Academic Decathlon seeks to attain.

Mr. Speaker, I join with all residents of the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois in congratulating Schurz High School on its achievement. I wish the Academic Decathlon competitors continued success as their education continues. I am very proud of these young and fu-

ture leaders of tomorrow, and it is my privilege to represent them in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO DR. LARRY EDWARD
PENLEY

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 26, 2004

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Larry Edward Penley as the thirteenth President of Colorado State University and third Chancellor of the Colorado State University System.

Dr. Penley came to Colorado State University from Arizona State University, where he served as the Dean of the W.P. Carey School of Business for 12 years. He also held the Robert Herberger Arizona Heritage Chair while he was a professor of management at Arizona State University.

Dr. Penley earned his doctorate in management from the University of Georgia and a Bachelor's Degree in psychology and a Master's Degree in communication from Wake Forest University. Dr. Penley has also served on staff for many other colleges and universities, including University of Texas at San Antonio, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, and Universidad de Carabobo in Venezuela.

Colorado State University has contributed much economically, historically, and culturally to Fort Collins and the State of Colorado. With Dr. Penley serving as the President of CSU, the tradition, history, and distinct achievements of Colorado State University will be further exemplified.

So far, with Dr. Penley serving Colorado State University, he has accomplished many goals, some of which include:

Working to strengthen the university's profile as one of the Nation's finest public research universities;

Making an effort to listen to students and faculty and enhance the quality of the undergraduate experience, including refinements to the first year semester;

Focusing the institution's efforts on recruitment of Colorado's top high school students from the States, without regard for origin, background, or socioeconomic status;

Launching a comprehensive strategic planning effort to position Colorado State University for success as a 21st century land grant university.

As an alumnus of Colorado State University myself, and now representing CSU in the United States Congress, I have had a determined interest in CSU's mission to benefit our great State. I am proud to know that the tradition and excellence synonymous to Colorado State University will be carried on through the dedicated work of Dr. Larry E. Penley.